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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA

1. DURING THE CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, SEPTEMBER 22, THE DCM TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO INFORM JOINT SECRETARY FOR THE AMERICAS TEJA THAT ADMINISTRATIVE WITNESSES HAD BEEN CALLED BEFORE THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23. TEJA REACTED MODERATELY BUT REFLECTED ALREADY EXPRESSED GOI CONCERNS REGARDING SUCH HEARING AND THEIR POSSIBLE EFFECT ON THE CLIMATE OF US-INDIA RELATIONS.

2. TEJA SAID THAT THE GOI HAD TAKEN STEPS TO IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF RELATIONS IN INDIA AND THAT CRITICISM OF THE US HAD NOW VIRTUALLY CEASED. IN FACT, HE SAID, CIRCUMSTANCES NOW UNDER THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE FAVORABLE THAN IN THE PAST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MATURE RELATIONS WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED FOR SOME TIME.

3. DURING A BRIEF TALK WITH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KEWAL SINGH (WHO WAS UNAWARE OF THE SCHEDULED HEARINGS), HE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD JUST SEEN THE  
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PRIME MINISTER AND THAT THE GOI VERY MUCH WISHED TO

AVOID IRRITATIONS WITHIN US-INDIA RELATIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE DCM'S INTERVENTION CAME AFTER  
A DISSERTATION BY TEJA ON EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE  
CLIMATE OF RELATIONS AND THE DCM THOUGHT IT  
BEST TO ALERT HIM TO AN EVENT WHICH MAY DISTRESS  
THE GOI. IT WAS CLEAR FROM HIS REMARKS AND THOSE OF KEWAL SINGH  
THAT THE GOI IS SENDING ITS NEW AMBASSADOR WITH THE  
OBJECTIVE OF CALMING THE ATMOSPHERE OF US-INDIA  
RELATIONS. THE GOI WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTINUING  
HUMAN RIGHTS HEARINGS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY COME  
JUST BEFORE KEWAL SINGH'S ARRIVAL. SAXBE

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